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I. PREAMBLE: While being shipped to the USSR in Sep 50, SOURCE happened to meet an US soldier in an unlocated jail in VOLOGDA (5920N-3940E); he learned that the soldier had been sentenced by a Russian court to 20 years of forced labor for espionage in favor of the US Army in BERLIN (5231N-1323E). While interned in International Forced Labor Camp # 223, Pt 25, Report B, in VORKUTA (6622N-7008E) SOURCE made the acquaintance of an American citizen in Apr 51, who was serving a 20 years forced labor sentence for committing espionage while an US correspondent in MOSKVA (5545N-3735E). All info contained herein is based on SOURCE's personal observation and experience unless otherwise stated. II. US INTERNEES IN THE USSR: While on transfer from BERLIN (5231N-1323E), Germany, to VORKUTA (6622N-7008E), SOURCE spent a few days in an unlocated MVD jail in VOLOGDA (5920N-3940E). His cell-mate was an American soldier, whose name SOURCE was unable to recall. The soldier's first name was FRANK and he stated that he had been kidnapped by Russian soldiers near the border of the US and the Russian Sector in BERLIN-NEU-KOELLN, while still in US territory. The soldier was brought before a Russian court and sentenced to 10 years of forced labor on charge of having committed espionage for US Army in BERLIN. Although Russians had no clue to base their accusations the soldier was sentenced for the sole reason that he was born in the USSR from where his parents had emigrated to the US in 1931. Since SOURCE spoke fairly good English he was able to understand the soldier who spoke English with a strong slavic accent. SOURCE only remembered that the soldier was a Tech Sgt and assigned to an US Army Motor Pool in BERLIN-LICHTERFELDE, US Sector, as automobile mechanic foreman. He was about 27 to 30 years old, husky, broad-shouldered, 1.80 to 1.85 m tall, had dark hair, brown eyes and a freckled face. He told SOURCE that he was born near LENINGRAD (5955N-3015E) and lived in PITTSBURGH, Pa, before he was drafted. SOURCE was unable to furnish any info about the fate of this soldier since he only stayed 3 or 4 days in VOLOGDA. In Apr 51 SOURCE happened to meet another US citizen in the International Forced Labor Camp, # 223, Pt 25, Report B, in VORKUTA. This prisoner was one of SOURCE's room-mates. His name was GREEN (SOURCE's spelling), first name unknown, Jewish, about 35 to 37 years old, 1.70 to 1.75 m tall, slim figure, dark hair, dark eyes and a tattoo on his left forearm. GREEN was very shy and did not dare to speak to other internees since he feared that his conversations could be monitored. However, SOURCE was able to exchange a few words with him and found out that GREEN had <u>0</u> INCL.				
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been a correspondent of an unidentified US News Agency in MOSKVA (5545N-3735E) before and during WW II. GREEN was married to a Russian girl who still lived in MOSKVA and had to get a divorce from him by order of the Soviet Ministry of Interior. He was treated roughly by the Soviet camp commander, a Russian Cavalry Major whose name SOURCE could not recall. Since GREEN was the only Jew in the camp he was chosen by the camp commander for all low kind of work like cleaning latrines, wood-chopping and other hard physical work. SOURCE witnessed a conversation between the camp commander and a Hungarian criminal who was GREEN's brigadier. SOURCE spoke a few words Russian at this time and was able to understand what the Major said. He gave orders to have GREEN perform the toughest jobs since he did not like the idea that the Jews made a living by phony trades and bad business practices instead of doing an honest day's manual work. He voiced his hatred for the Jews as they were the only reason for each war when they got a chance to make easy money. Another time SOURCE heard the Major speak to a German ex-officer why HITLER did not "liquidate" all Jews in the BUCHENWALD gas chambers. He also stated that it was only the fault of the Jews who had too much influence in the Soviet government that the standard of life in the USSR was so very poor, and expressed his desire to make the country of ISRAEL a Russian atomic proving ground in case of another war to do away with anything that was Jewish. GREEN was always the target of the Major's bursts of fury, and SOURCE doubted that he would survive the 25 years of forced labor he served as an alleged American spy since he was already completely exhausted and undernourished the last time SOURCE saw him in Jun 53.

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